

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property Name: Gemeny Farm Inventory Number 0440180 PG: 85B-19  
Address: 8610 Cedarville Road, Prince George's County - in the vicinity of Brandywine  
Owner: Gemeny, Andrew  
Tax Parcel Number: 4 Tax Map Number: 165  
Project MD 301 Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)  
Site visit by SHA Staff: X no    yes Name:                      Date:                       
Eligibility recommended    Eligibility **not** recommended X  
Criteria    A    B    C    D Considerations:    A    B    C    D    E    F    G X None  
Is property located within a historic district? X no    yes Name of District:                       
Is district listed?: X no    yes  
Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)

The c. 1900-1910 farm complex includes the main farmhouse and two barns. The farmhouse is a modest one-story, three-bays wide house with a side-gabled roof. A center-gabled entry porch projects at the main façade and a one-story, side-gabled addition is located at the east elevation. The two barns have gambrel roofs, ventilator panels and entrances at each end. One of the barns has a one-story shed extension and both barns have standing seam metal roofs.

Most inhabitants of Charles County were engaged in farming at the time of the first settlement. The barn was the principle building erected on a farm which provided space for cows, horses, equipment, and hay, straw or tobacco storage. Throughout the 19th century, barns increased in size or were newly built to include space for smaller animals, such as poultry and pigs, and as a place for the threshing and storage of grain. Their size also increased during the 19th century as the introduction of improved equipment led to more efficient and profitable operations, and, consequently, to increased need for storage facilities. Typically, livestock was housed on the lower level, while the upper level was reserved for the storage of hay and straw, and the threshing and storage of feed grains.

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<u>                    </u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>10/26/95</u> Date
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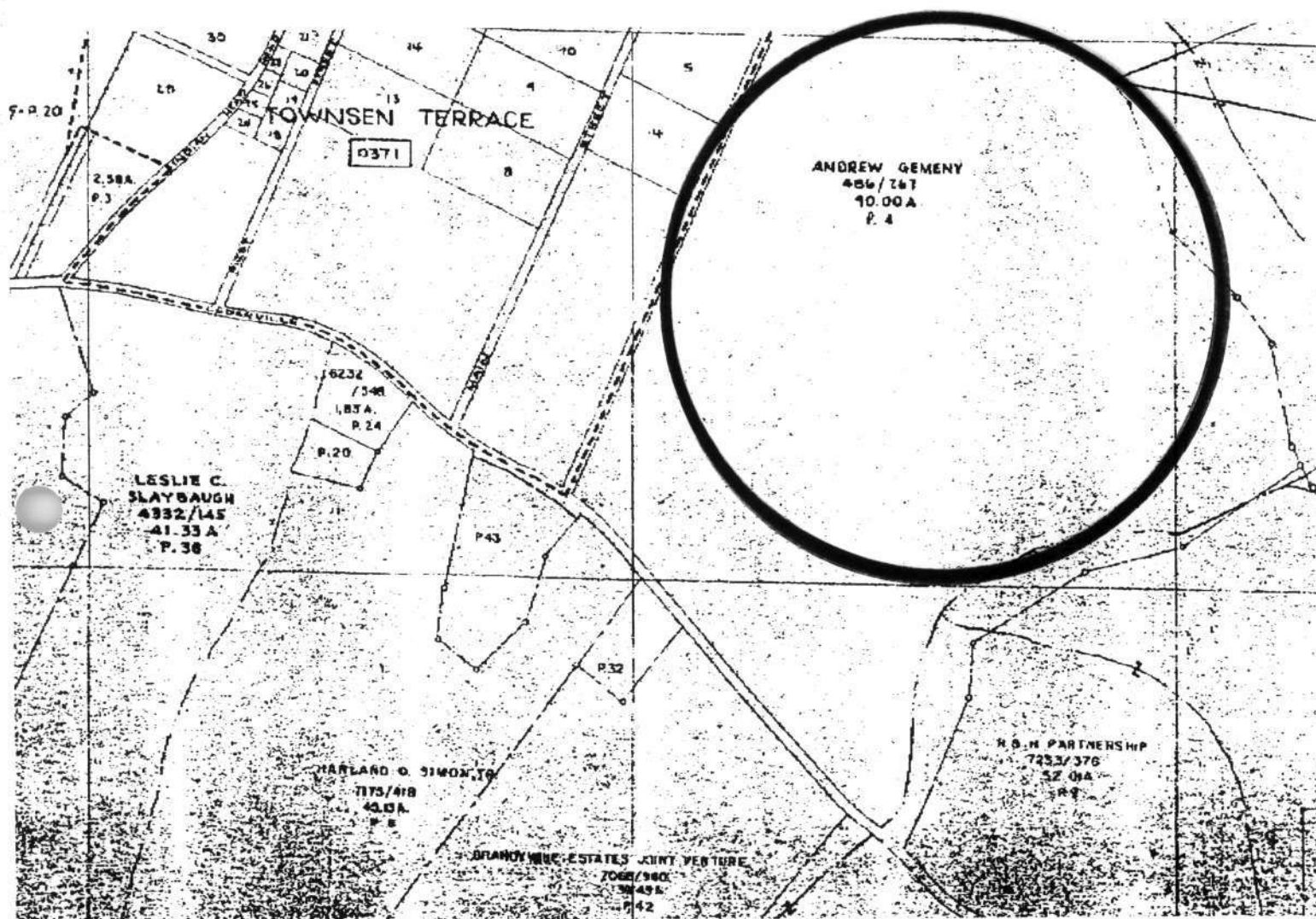
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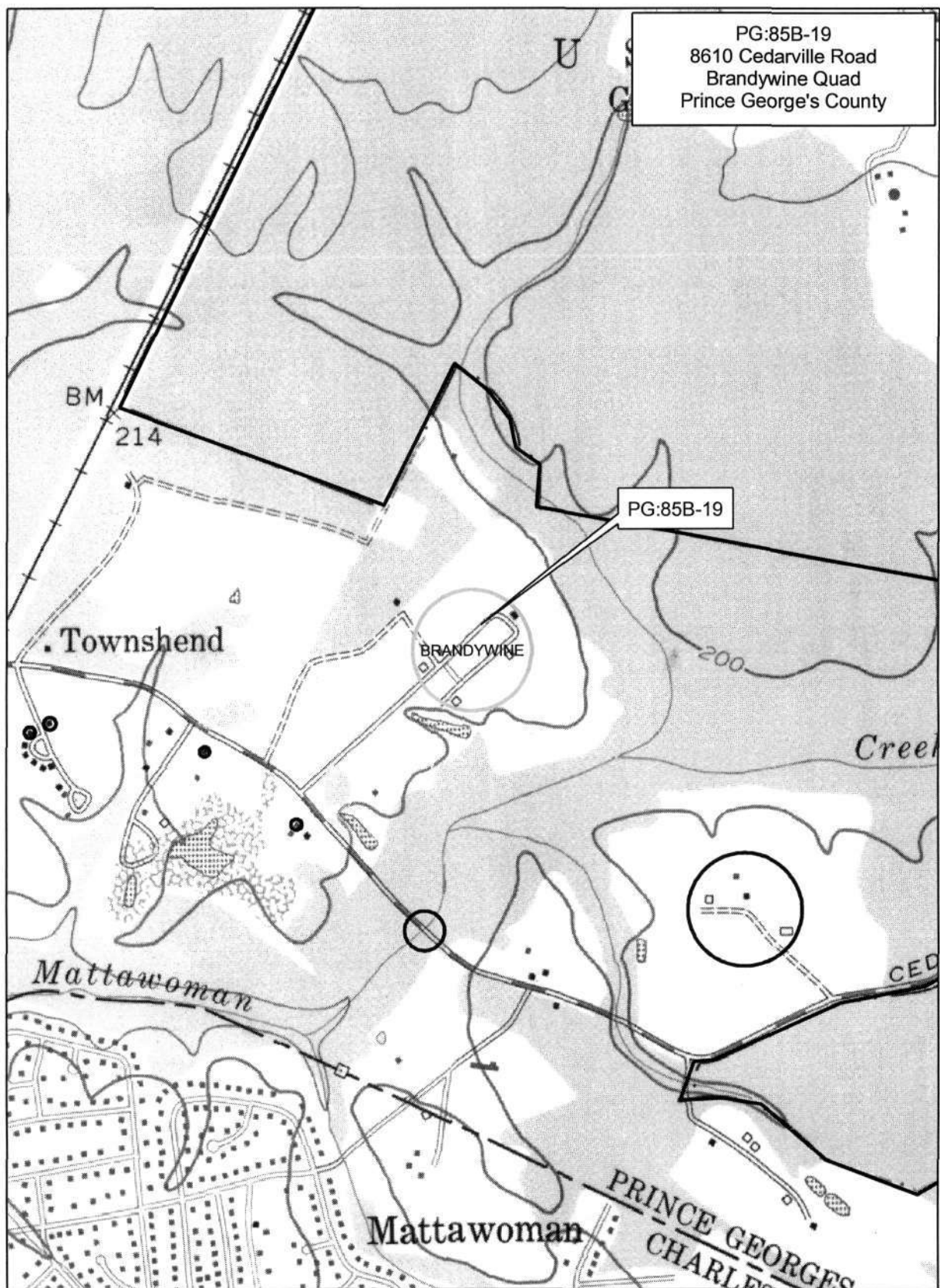
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Charles County's late 19th- and early 20th-century history is dominated by industrial and urban development. The greatest impact upon community growth came from the railroad. The completion of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad's (B&P) mainline from Bowie in Prince George's County to Pope's Creek in Charles County in 1872 prompted local entrepreneurs to establish stores and other commercial facilities near the railroad stations. The B&P Railroad also made inland farms accessible, thus, increasing their value and revitalizing the practice of agriculture in Southern Maryland. The B&P Railroad's La Plata station still stands at the intersection of the rail line with Charles Street.

Towards the end of the first quarter of the 20th century, road improvements and developments also contributed to Charles County's community evolution. In particular, the Robert Crain Highway, later expanded as part of U.S. 301, attracted new development to older communities along its corridor. Crain Highway brought commercial development on La Plata's west side and contributed to the Charles County seat's overall growth in the 1920s and 1930s.

The c.1900-1910 farm complex is not eligible for the National Register. While this farm complex is an earlier example of the residential and agricultural development surrounding U.S. 301, this resource lacks significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.







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View of south elevation

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View looking Northeast

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